

ARTICLE VIII - RM-2 MEDIUM DENSITY MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS

PREAMBLE

The RM-2 Medium Density Multiple Family Residential Districts are intended to be selectively planned at locations in the City so as to provide transition between nonresidential areas and One and Two Family Residential Districts, and between nonresidential areas and the RM-1 Low Density Multiple Family Residential.

SECTION 800: PRINCIPAL USES PERMITTED

In a RM-2 Medium Density Multiple Family Residential District no building shall be erected, structurally altered, or occupied except for one (1) or more of the following specified uses, unless otherwise provided for in this Ordinance:

1. All Principal Uses Permitted in the R One Family Residential Districts, RT Two Family Residential Districts, and RM-1 Low Density Multiple Family Residential Districts, subject to the applicable regulations of this District.
2. Accessory uses and accessory buildings customarily incidental to the above Principal Uses Permitted.
3. Adult Foster Care Large Group Homes. [amended 11/02]
4. Uses similar to the above Principal Uses Permitted.

SECTION 801: SPECIAL LAND USES PERMITTED [amended 2/02] [amended 2/03]

The following uses, and their accessory buildings and accessory uses, shall be permitted under the purview of Section 2332 after review and approval of the use (and a site plan, if required) by the Planning Commission, after Public Hearing, subject to the applicable conditions, and any other reasonable conditions imposed by the Planning Commission:

1. All Section 601 and 701 Special Land Uses Permitted in the RT Two Family Residential Districts and RM-1 Low Density Multiple Family Residential Districts, subject to the applicable regulations of this District.
2. Adult Foster Care Congregate Facilities, provided that such facility shall be at least one thousand five hundred (1,500) feet from any other similar facility. [amended 11/02]
3. Previously existing or established commercial uses not already converted to a residential use may be authorized under Special Use Permit for the following [amended 12/99]:
 - a. Retail and/or service establishments meeting the intent of the neighborhood Limited Business Zone (B-1) dealing directly with consumers including:

- 1) Any generally recognized retail business which supplies new commodities on the premises for persons residing in adjacent residential areas such as: groceries, meats, dairy products, baked goods or other foods, drugs, drygoods, and notions or hardware.
 - 2) Any personal service establishment which performs services on the premises for persons residing in adjacent residential areas, such as: shoe repair, drop-off dry cleaning shops, tailor shops, beauty parlors, barber shops, dressmaker, tailor, pharmacist, or an establishment doing radio, television, or home appliance repair, and similar establishments that require a retail character no more objectionable than the aforementioned, subject to the provision that no more than five (5) persons shall be employed at any time in the sale, repair, or other processing of goods.
 - 3) Professional offices of doctors, lawyers, dentists, chiropractors, osteopaths, architects, engineers, accountants, and similar or allied professions.
 - 4) Restaurants, or other places serving food, except drive-in or drive-through restaurants.
- b. Prohibited uses: Activities specifically prohibited include repair or service of motor vehicles and other large equipment; manufacturing processes which would normally require industrial zoning; any activity which may become a nuisance due to noise, unsightliness or odor; and any activity which may adversely affect surrounding property.
- c. Conditions:
- 1) Outdoor storage is prohibited.
 - 2) The area devoted to approved uses shall not exceed 2,500 square feet.
 - 3) All goods produced on the premises shall be sold at retail on the premises where produced.
 - 4) All business, servicing, or processing shall be conducted within a completely enclosed building, or in an area specifically approved by the Planning Commission.
 - 5) Parking shall be accommodated on site or with limited street parking.
 - 6) Hours of operation may be limited by the Planning Commission.
 - 7) Signs must comply with those set forth for the residential zoning district.
 - 8) The Planning Commission may allow a use to sell alcohol, however the Commission may limit the type of license applied for or obtained for the

sale of alcohol to an SDM, hours of operation, and any other restrictions intended to stabilize, protect, and encourage the residential character of the area. The use must gain approval from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission before alcohol can be or sold.

4. Accessory buildings and accessory uses customarily incidental to the above Special Land Uses Permitted.
5. Uses similar to the above Special Land Uses Permitted.

SECTION 802: PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT [amended 10/98]

Planned developments may be allowed by the Planning Commission under the procedural guidelines of Section 2101. The intent of Planned Unit Developments in the RM-2 Medium Density Multiple Family Residential District is to allow mixed land uses, which are compatible to each other, while prohibiting nonresidential uses which would not be compatible or harmonious with residential dwellings.

SECTION 803: AREA AND BULK REQUIREMENTS [amended 4/00]

1. Minimum lot size: 14,520 sq. feet.
2. Density (see definition in Article II): 24 dwelling units per buildable acre.
3. Dedicated open space requirement: 15%
4. Maximum lot coverage:
Buildings: 70%
Pavement: 20%
5. Lot width: 125 feet (shall be measured at road frontage unless a cul-de-sac, then measured from setback).
6. Maximum building width: 50% (as a portion of the lot width).
7. Width to depth ratios: The depth of any lot(s) or parcel(s) shall not be more than three (3) times longer its width.
8. Height limit: 4 stories or 60 feet.

Height measurement: In the case of a principal building, the vertical distance measured from the average finished grade to the highest point of the roof surface where the building line abuts the front yard, except as follows: to the deck line of mansard roofs, and the average height between eaves and the ridge of gable, hip, and gambrel roofs (see Figure 2-2). If the ground is not entirely level, the grade shall be determined by averaging the elevation of the ground for each face of the building (see Figure 2-3).

9. Front Setbacks:

Minimum:

Expressway, Arterial Street or Major Street: 30 feet

Collector Street: 25 feet

Minor Street: 20 feet

10. Rear setback: 30 feet
 11. Setback from the ordinary high water mark or wetland: 50 feet (principal structures only).
 12. Side setbacks:
 - 1-story: 8 feet and 12 feet
 - 2-story: 10 feet and 14 feet
 - 3-story: 12 feet and 16 feet
 - 4-story: 16 feet and 20 feet
- Note, setback measurement: All required setbacks shall be measured from the right-of-way line to the nearest point of the determined drip line of buildings. [amended 10/02]
13. Zero lot line option: New principal buildings may be erected on the rear lot line and/or one side lot line provided: [amended 10/02]
 - a. The building has an approved fire rating for zero-lot line development under the building code.
 - b. The building has adequate fire access preserved pursuant to fire code requirements.
 - c. The zero lot line side is not adjacent to a street.
 - d. A maintenance access easement is granted by the adjacent property owner and recorded with the County Register of Deeds and provided to the zoning administrator with the site plan or plot plan.
 - e. It is not adjacent to wetlands, or waterfront.
 14. All required side and rear setbacks shall be landscaped, greenbelt buffers, unless zero-lot-line is employed for a structure or fire access. At least fifty percent of all required front setbacks shall be landscaped and adjacent to the road right-of-way. An average minimum greenbelt of 10 feet shall be maintained along each street frontage. [amended 12/01, amended 10/02]